

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

November 5, 2013

Present: John Robinson, Chair; Craig McEwen, Secretary; Oliver K. Burrows, III; Susan Coleman; Sue Gantner; Lori Shepherd, MD

Guests: Mary Hilliker, Brian Stezenski-Williams, David Wille

MCHD Staff: Judy Burrows, Chris Dobbe, Eileen Eckardt, Dale Grosskurth, Joan Theurer, Chris Weisgram

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Robinson, Chair, at 7:35 a.m.

Policy Interpretation

1. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes – October 1, 2013

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Oliver Burrows. Second by Sue Gantner. Motion Approved.

Policy Discussion and Possible Action

2. Overview of the Northwoods Shared Services Project and Discussion of the Merits and Obstacles in Effective Sharing of Cross-Jurisdictional Services

Joan Theurer introduced Mary Hilliker and Chris Dobbe and provided background information on the Shared Services grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Mary Hilliker shared a brief presentation on what has been researched with the Shared Services project, including an overview of the types of shared services that exist among the 18 participating jurisdictions and Marathon County. An explanation of why health departments are participating in shared services arrangements was also provided; the majority of health departments want to improve public health services. Mary also outlined considerations for successful shared services. The Board was asked to discuss other areas that should be explored and additional considerations.

- Consider the impact of the local infrastructure
- Clear outcomes versus outputs

Mary led additional discussion on what level of involvement the Board wants in shared services, and asked what other information is needed.

- A cost/benefit analysis would be helpful
- Information on what is being done with shared services in other counties

Joan shared that there is a need for a consistent state policy in the funding of shared service arrangements and WALHDAB may play an instrumental role.

The Board discussed the process for how a smaller agency and a larger agency should interact when considering sharing of services.

Chris Dobbe shared that a site visit for the grant is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014, with a plan to hold three meetings. One of the meetings will be held in Wausau. An opportunity to visit a project in Michigan will also be available in June of 2014.

3. Review of WI WINS Protocol & Procedure in Relationship to Marathon County Board of Health's Policy Intent in Conducting Compliance Checks

Judy Burrows provided a recap of discussion held at the October Board of Health meeting, regarding the question of Marathon County Health Department's policy of not sending minors into stand-alone bars and taverns for tobacco sales compliance checks.

Judy shared information found in past Board documents from the time when funding was reduced for the program at the State level. A letter to was sent from the Board of Health to then Secretary Nelson and Governor Doyle stating Marathon County Health Department's policy of not sending minors into such establishments.

Judy also shared the existing WI WINS protocol for the compliance checks. The program relies on law enforcement partnerships to identify establishments which could be considered dangerous. Dave Wille also shared that law enforcement has always been involved in the compliance checks, and there have been very few safety concerns. The Board was requested to accept the protocol with additional safety points, as outlined in the Chronic Disease Program Report.

A motion to accept the protocol as policy was made by Lori Shepherd. Second made by Craig McEwen. Motion Approved.

4. Report from the October 3, 2013 Health & Human Services Committee

John Robinson requested that the Health & Human Services Committee report be moved up on the agenda so guest Brian Stezenski-Williams could provide his brief presentation on the 2014 Healthy Teens Initiative.

A. Boys and Girls Club and the Potential Impact for Health & Wellness

Brian Stezenski-Williams provided a presentation on the 2014 Healthy Teens Initiative at the Boys & Girls Club. The programs being developed are related to health and fitness, nutrition, and small groups, with the intent to help youth make better choices. Expected outcomes include reducing alcohol, drug and tobacco

use, adopting a healthy lifestyle, and avoiding contact with the juvenile justice system. Brian shared a handout with additional details of the program.

John Robinson shared that the organization is requesting \$25,000 from the County to fund the initiative, and a motion to endorse the proposal is requested.

A motion to endorse the Healthy Teens Initiative as a method to help achieve the goals of the Board of Health was made by Lori Shepherd. Second made by Sue Gantner. The motion was approved: Ayes – 5, Nays – 1.

B. Affordable Care Act – Access to Certified Application Counselors

The committee is looking at impacts on the residents of Marathon County, and approved a transfer of \$5,000 to Bridge Clinic to help train volunteers to assist with enrollment and ensure access to certified application counselors.

C. Rural Health Initiative Resolution

The primary focus is to work with farmers for accessing insurance and health education.

The new Winter Farmers Market will begin on November 16 and be held indoors at 212 River Drive in Wausau.

D. Other Policy Issues Discussed that Impact Public Health

The committee is continuing to have discussion on health impact statements and assessments.

A tour of the Women's Community facility was provided at the last committee meeting.

5. Overview of Resource Gaps to Support M. tuberculosis Control Efforts and Discuss Strategies to Close the Identified Gaps

Joan asked if this item could be deferred to the next meeting, due to available time.

6. Overview of the Health Department's Third Quarter Financial Picture

Joan provided an overview of the financial picture for the department, and noted the impact of the implementation of the classification/compensation plan, and the 2% lump sum payment.

County administration has been informed of the unplanned personnel expenditures due to an increase in TB cases, completion of the rabies database, and shifting staff for the rollout of the Affordable Care Act and Health Insurance Marketplace.

The Board discussed whether the departments should be using grant funds to cover the costs of the increases to minimum salary/wage, and the 2% lump sum, and whether the County Board approved the increases in this manner. John Robinson will follow up through the appropriate channels for clarification.

The Board agreed to hold off on approving the financial report until clarification on the increases to minimum, and 2% lump sum was available.

Education

7. Program Reports – Chronic Disease Prevention Team WI WINS Program Summary

Future Agenda Items

8. Next Meeting – December 3, 2013

Motion to adjourn made by Craig McEwen. Second by Sue Gantner

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig McEwen, Secretary
Chris Weisgram, Recorder